मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और (श्री रंगराजन कुमारमंगलम्) : (क) मिशन मोड में 16 प्रौद्योगिकी परियोजनाएं आरम्भ करने का निर्णय लिया गया है और उचित स्तरों पर आगामी कार्रवाई करने के लिए योजना आयोग ने इन पर सिद्धांततः स्वीकृति दे दी है। वर्ष 1993-94 के लिए 25 करोड़ रु. का आबंटन किया गया है।

(ख) देश के समस्त भागों में स्थित राष्ट्रीय प्रयोगशालाओं, स्वैच्छिक संगठनों, शैक्षिक संस्थानों, उद्योगों और अन्य एजेंसियों को इसमें सम्मिलित किया जायेगा। इन 16 प्रौद्योगिकी परियोजनाओं के अनेक कार्यकलापों से बेहतर उत्पादों और सेवाओं, रोजगार के बेहतर अवसरों आदि के रूप में समाज के सभी वर्गों को लाभ मिलने की आशा है।

मिशन मोड में ली जाने वाली जो 16 प्रौद्योगिकी परियोजनाएं तय की गई हैं, वे इस प्रकार हैं :-

1. चीनी उत्पादन प्रौद्योगिकियां

2. उन्नत सम्मिश्रों का विकास

3. विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी के माध्यम से रोजगार के अवसर सृजित करने के लिए माडल

4. प्राकृतिक आपदाओं को कम करना (भूकम्प और भूस्खलन, चक्रवात और पवन, आपदाएं)।

5. पलाई ऐश उपयोगिता

6. नेक्स्ट जेनरेशन मेसिवली पेरेलल सुपर कम्प्यूटर

7. नयी इलैक्ट्रानिकी सामग्री और संघटक

8. माइक्रो इलैक्ट्रानिकी और फोटोनी

9. आर्थिक क्षेत्र में अनुरूपान्तर स्वचालित यंत्र

10. भावी वायु जहाजरानी पद्धति

11. सूचना प्रौद्योगिकियां

12. आई पी एम के अधीन खर पतवार नियंत्रण सामग्री का उत्पादन और अनुप्रयोग

13. प्रौद्योगिकी विकास और जैव उर्वरकों का प्रदर्शन-नीला, हरा, काई और राइजोबियम

14. विभिन्न कृषि मौसम क्षेत्रों में अर्थगहन झींगा मछली जल कृषि

15. अवलम्बनीय विकास के लिए चमड़ा प्रौद्योगिकी मिशन; और

16. क्लीन कोल प्रौद्योगिकियां

(ग) और (घ) जी हां। इन परियोजनाओं को पूरा करने के लिए संबंधित मंत्रालयों के साथ परामर्श करके प्रबन्ध तंत्र का गठन किया जा रहा है।

Production of sub-standard soap

*257. SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "Most soaps lack quality" which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 2nd April, 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to improve the quality of the soaps manufactured in India;

(d) whether any penal action has been taken against any of the soap manufacturers for production of sub-standard soap so far; and

(e) if so, the details thereof in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) In a paper on "Safety Evaluation on Toilet Soaps, Bathing Bars and Synthetic Detergents" presented by a BIS Scientist at the Seminar on "Toxicology—Status Trends and Prospects" organised by Shriram Institute for Industrial Research on 31st March, 1993 at New Delhi, it was stated that so far, no third party testing and certification of toilet soaps for their quality and safety under the Scheme of Ecomark has been done by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) under the Ministry of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution.

(c) As per Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, steps have been initiated to include toilet soaps and certain other soaps in Schedule 'S' to the Drugs and Cosmetic Rules, 1945, which stipulates that products listed in the Schedule shall conform to the Indian Standard Specifications laid down by BIS from time to time.

(d) and (e) No report regarding production of sub-standard soaps has been received.

Disposal of widow pension

*258. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARAYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of pensioners' cases are pending in various departments/Ministries of Government for a long time;

(b) whether large number of such cases have been referred by the Members of Parliament;

(c) whether Government propose to direct the concerned bodies to process and finalise the cases expediously; and

(d) the number and details of cases received during past two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) 58 cases of (widow) family pension were referred to this Ministry by Members of Parliament during the past 2 years. Final replies have been given in 51 cases and 7 cases are pending with other Ministries/State Governments who are being regularly reminded for expeditious settlement of the cases. The Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules 1972 lay down in detail the steps to be taken by Heads of Offices for the prompt authorisation of family pension.

Revision of drug prices without cost-cum-technical study by the BICP

*259. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1987 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th March, 1993 and state;

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of a large number of bulk drugs have been revised during the last two years without any cost-cum-technical study by the BICP:

(b) whether it is also a fact that in case of number of drugs prices were increased even when it was known that there was no cost-cum-technical study or even on the basis of out dated-cost-cum-technical study; and

(c) what are the details of all those bulk drugs where instances of this type have come to the notice of Government during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Fixation or revision of price of a bulk drug is done in accordance with the provisions of para 3 of